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## FCC ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP AND WORKING GROUP CHAIRS FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL

Consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act,<sup>1</sup> this Public Notice announces that Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel has appointed members to serve on the Communications Equity and Diversity Council (CEDC). A full list of the CEDC membership is attached to this Public Notice.

Additionally, Chairwoman Rosenworcel has appointed chairs for the three working groups of the CEDC. The working group chairs will help organize and lead the work of the Council together with CEDC Chair Heather Gate, Vice President of Digital Inclusion, Connected Nation, and CEDC Vice Chairs Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D., Brookings Institution and Susan Au Allen, National President & CEO, US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation whom Chairwoman Rosenworcel previously designated to lead the Council.<sup>2</sup> The working group chairs are:

Robert Brooks, Digital Solution Specialist, WHUR-FM, Howard University, will chair the *Innovation and Access Working Group*. Previously, Mr. Brooks served on the Access to Capital Working Group of the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE), the predecessor advisory committee to the CEDC, and was instrumental in developing the ACDDE's "Advertising Best Practices for Diverse Broadcasters" Report.

Dominique Harrison, Ph.D., Director, Technology Policy, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, will chair the *Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group*. Dr. Harrison served previously on the ACDDE's Diversity in the Tech Sector Working Group and assisted in the drafting of an ACDDE report assessing the best practices of industry leaders in training and employment diversity in the tech field, including recommendations for innovative programs in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Christopher Wood, Executive Director, LGBT Technology Partnership & Institute, will chair the *Diversity and Equity Working Group*. Mr. Wood served previously on the ACDDE's Diversity in the Tech Sector Working Group and helped assemble the ACDDE's "Resource Guide to Tech Entrepreneurship Support Organizations," which identifies organizations that support diverse tech entrepreneurs in market entry strategies.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

<sup>2</sup> *FCC Announces the Leadership and First Meeting of the Communications Equity and Diversity Council*, DA 21-1315, GN Docket 17-208 (rel. October 20, 2021), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/chairs-announced-fcc-diversity-committee-november-3-meeting-set>.

<sup>3</sup> The composition of the working groups will be announced at a later date.

As previously announced, the CEDC will hold its first meeting on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EDT.<sup>4</sup> The primary agenda of the CEDC's first meeting will be to introduce the members of the Council, set out initial assignments, and begin the selection process for working group membership. The CEDC will also review the ACDDE's reports and recommendations, for its charter which ended July 5, 2021. The November 3 meeting agenda is attached to this Public Notice.

The CEDC meeting will be convened in an online format and will be available to the public via live feed from the FCC's web page at [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live). The public may also follow the meeting on the Commission's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/user/fccdotgovvideo>. In addition, the public may follow the meeting on Twitter@fcc or via the Commission's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/fcc](http://www.facebook.com/fcc). Members of the public may submit questions during the meeting to [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto:livequestions@fcc.gov).

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way for the FCC to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Please allow at least five days' advance notice for accommodation requests; last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

Members of the public may submit written comments to the CEDC using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at [www.fcc.gov/ecfs](http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs). Any comments should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

More information about the CEDC is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/communications-equity-and-diversity-council>. You may also contact Jamila Bess Johnson, the Designated Federal Officer for the Communications Equity and Diversity Council, at (202) 418-2608, or [Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov); or Rashann Duvall, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1438, or [Rashann.Duvall@fcc.gov](mailto:Rashann.Duvall@fcc.gov); or Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-0965 or [Keyla.Hernandez-Ulloa@fcc.gov](mailto:Keyla.Hernandez-Ulloa@fcc.gov).

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<sup>4</sup> Notice of this meeting was published in the Federal Register on October 8, 2021, available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/10/08/2021-22023/meeting-of-the-communications-equity-and-diversity-council>.

**COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL**

Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer  
Rashann Duvall, Co-Designated Federal Officer  
Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa, Co-Designated Federal Officer

**Chair:**

Heather Gate, Vice President of Digital Inclusion  
*Connected Nation*

**Vice Chairs:**

Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D., Director – Center for Technology Innovation, Senior Fellow – Governance Studies Program  
*Brookings Institution*

Susan Au Allen, Chairman, National President and CEO  
*US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation*

**Members:**

Clayton Banks, CEO  
*Silicon Harlem*

Matthew Bauer, Vice President and Executive Director of Connected Communities  
*Wireless Research Center*

Caroline Beasley, CEO  
*Beasley Media Group, LLC*

Robert Branson, President and CEO  
*Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council*

Robert Brooks, Digital Solutions Specialist  
*WHUR-FM, Howard University*

Joi Chaney, Executive Director of the National Urban League Washington Bureau and Senior Vice President for Policy & Advocacy  
*National Urban League*

Milton Clipper, Founder, Clipper and Company  
*Representing America's Public Television Stations*

Michele Cober, Director of External Affairs & Strategic Alliances in Public Policy Group  
*Verizon*

Melody Spann Cooper, Chair and CEO  
*Midway Broadcasting Corporation*

Graham "Skip" Dillard, Vice President National and Community Partnerships  
*WQHT-FM/WBLS-FM New York City, MediaCo Inc.*

Sarah Kate Ellis, President and CEO  
*GLAAD*

Anna M. Gomez, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP, ACDDE Chair *Emeritus*  
*Representing Hispanic National Bar Association*

Cecelia Gordon, Vice President, Distribution  
*STARZ*

Dominique Harrison, Ph.D., Director, Technology Policy  
*Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies*

David Honig, President and CEO  
*JulGlo Productions, LLC*

Jill Houghton, President and CEO  
*Disability:IN*

Chris James, President and CEO  
*National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development*

Broderick Johnson, Executive Vice President for Public Policy and Executive Vice President for Digital Equity  
*Comcast Corporation*

Ronald Johnson, Ph.D., Senior Advisor and Chief Strategist for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
*Wireless Infrastructure Association*

Sherman Kizart, Managing Director and Founder  
*Kizart Media Partners*

Nicole Lazarre, Vice President of Policy and External Affairs  
*Charter Communications*

Rosa Mendoza, Founder, President and CEO  
*ALLvanza*

Aama Nahuja, Legal Counsel  
*A Wonder Media Company*

Louis Peraertz, Vice President of Policy  
*Wireless Internet Service Provider Association*

Henry M. Rivera, Partner, Wiley Rein, LLP  
*Representing Emma Bowen Foundation*

Steven C. Roberts, President and Principal  
*The Roberts Companies*

Vickie Robinson, General Manager – Airband Initiative  
*Microsoft*

Brian Scarpelli, Senior Global Policy Counsel  
*ACT/The App Association*

Charlyn Stanberry, Vice President, Government Relations  
*National Association of Broadcasters*

Joycelyn Tate, Senior Policy Advisor  
*Black Women’s Roundtable, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation*

Antonio Tijerino, President and CEO  
*Hispanic Heritage Foundation*

Felicia West, Policy Advisor  
*DC Public Service Commission*

James Winston, President  
*National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters*

Christopher Wood, Executive Director  
*LGBT Technology Partnership & Institute*



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**November 3, 2021  
10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 10:00 am: **Welcome and Opening of Meeting**  
Michelle M. Carey, Chief, Media Bureau
- 10:05 am: **Welcome Remarks**  
Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel
- 10:10 am: **Welcome Remarks**  
Commissioner Geoffrey Starks
- 10:15 am: **Welcome Remarks**  
Commissioner Nathan Simington
- 10:20 am: **Call to Order of the November 3 Meeting of the CEDC**  
Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Media Bureau  
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation
- 10:25 am: **CEDC Chair/Vice Chairs' Remarks**  
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation  
Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D., Vice Chair, CEDC, Brookings Institution  
Susan Au Allen, Vice Chair, CEDC, US Pan Asian American Chamber of  
Commerce Education Foundation
- 10:40 am: **Roll Call of Members**  
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation
- 10:50 am: **CEDC Member Introductions**
- 11:40 am: **Meeting Break**
- 11:55 am: **Overview of Federal Advisory Committee Act Rules**  
Paula Silberthau, Office of General Counsel, FCC

- 12:10 pm:           **CEDC Overview -- Question & Answer**  
Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Media Bureau  
Rashann Duvall, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Wireline  
Communications Bureau  
Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer, CEDC,  
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
- 12:25 pm:           **Introduction of Working Group Chairs**  
Robert Brooks, WHUR-FM, Howard University  
Chair, Innovation and Access Working Group  
Dominique Harrison, Ph.D., Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies  
Chair, Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group  
Christopher Wood, LGBT Technology Partnership & Institute  
Chair, Diversity and Equity Working Group
- 12:30 pm:           **Open Discussion of Working Groups and Recap of ACDDE  
Recommendations**  
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation  
Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D., Vice Chair, CEDC, Brookings Institution  
Susan Au Allen, Vice Chair, CEDC, US Pan Asian American Chamber of  
Commerce Education Foundation  
Caroline Beasley, Beasley Media, Former Chair, Access to Capital Working  
Group – ACDDE, CEDC Member
- 1:20 pm:           **Comments from the Public**
- 1:30 pm:           **Adjournment**